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**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 1,

Line 35, change "manner, may be collected" to -- manner may be collected --;

Line 46, change "at it lowest point" to -- at its lowest point --;

Column 5,

Line 67, change "quantative" to -- quantitative --;

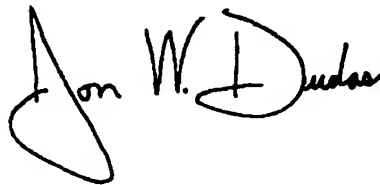
Column 8,

Line 2, change "which borders the a" to -- which borders a --; and

Line 19, change "used a branching element" to -- used as a branching element --.

Signed and Sealed this

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jon W. Dudas". The signature is stylized, with a large loop for the 'J' and a cursive 'D'.

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